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### INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.  
  
☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of \_\_\_\_\_ sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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# INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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## I. Basis of the report

### 1. With regard to the elements of the international application:\*

☒ the international application as originally filed

☐ the description:  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the claims:  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed  
 pages \_\_\_\_\_, as amended (together with any statement) under article 19  
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☐ the drawings:  
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☐ the sequence listing part of the description:  
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 These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language English which is:

☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

☒ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).

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3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

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☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the claims, Nos. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ the drawings, sheet/fig \_\_\_\_\_

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## V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

### 1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-13</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-13</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-13</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

### 2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents have been cited in the International Search Report:

D1: US, 5,027,349, A

D2: WO, 97/20405, A

D3: Barath T. et al "A Simple Data Link protocol for High-Speed Packet Networks", Bell Labs Technical Journal, January 1999, pp. 85-104

D4: Bohm C. et al, "The DTM Gigabit Network", Journal of High Speed Networks, vol. 3, 1999, pp.109-126

D5: US, 5,936,942, A

The documents cited in the International Search Report represent the prior art. The claimed invention stated in claims 1-13 is not considered to be anticipated by these documents. None of the documents or any relevant combination of them reveal a method and device for transferring information in a communication network as described by these claims.

According to the arguments stated above, the invention claimed in claims 1-13 is novel, considered to involve an inventive step and have industrial applicability.



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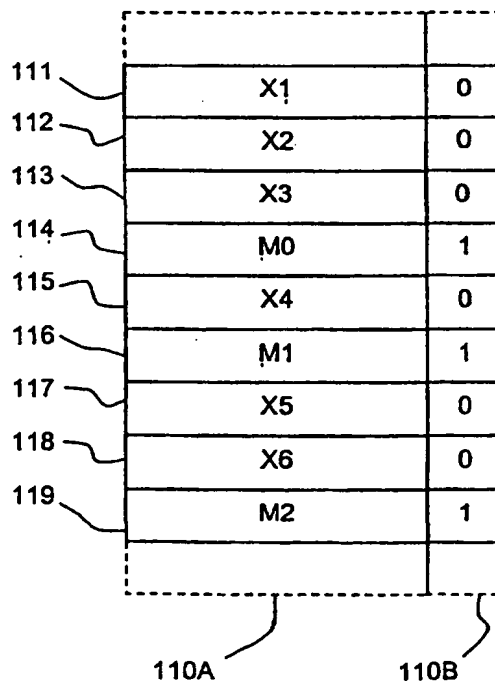
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(54) Title: TRANSFER OF INFORMATION IN A COMMUNICATION NET

## (57) Abstract

The present invention relates to a method and a device for transferring information in a communication network, in which control information for controlling the operation and payload of the network is conveyed separately in respective channels which are each defined by one or more time slots allocated in a recurrent frame and each comprising an established number of *n* bits. According to the invention, each of at least the time slots which define channels conveying payload traffic is associated with a respective additional bit which is used as a flag to indicate whether control information exists as regards the time slot associated with the respective additional bit. The control information in itself, when said additional bit indicates the existence thereof, is conveyed as at least some of the *n* bits of the time slot associated with said respective additional bit.



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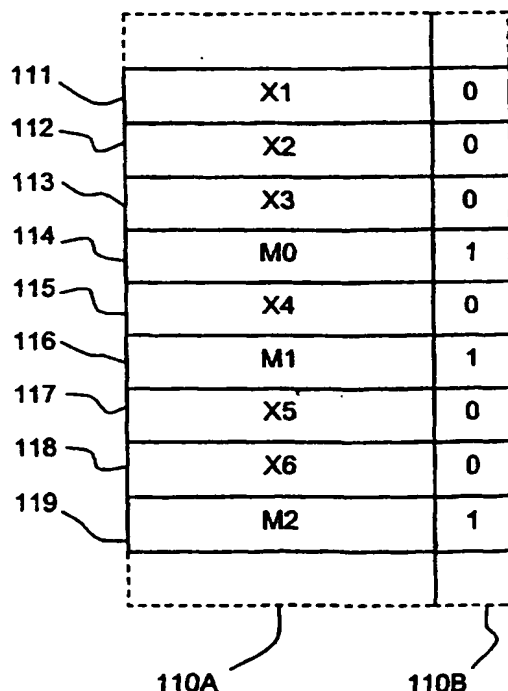
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(54) Title: **INFORMATION TRANSFER IN TIME-MULTIPLEXED COMMUNICATION NETWORK WHERE AN ADDI-**  
**TIONAL BIT IS USED AS A FLAG FOR INDICATING THE EXISTENCE OF CONTROL INFORMATION REGARDING A**  
**TIME SLOT ASSOCIATED WITH THE ADDITIONAL BIT**



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method and a device for transferring information in a communication network, in which control information for controlling the operation and payload of the network is conveyed separately in respective channels which are each defined by one or more time slots allocated in a recurrent frame and each comprising an established number of n bits. According to the invention, each of at least the time slots which define channels conveying payload traffic is associated with a respective additional bit which is used as a flag to indicate whether control information exists as regards the time slot associated with the respective additional bit. The control information in itself, when said additional bit indicates the existence thereof, is conveyed as at least some of the n bits of the time slot associated with said respective additional bit.

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 5027349 A (HAL A. THORNE), 25 June 1991 (25.06.91), column 2, line 20 - column 3, line 29; column 5, line 6 - column 6, line 6 --	1-12
A	WO 9720405 A1 (DSC COMMUNICATIONS A/S), 5 June 1997 (05.06.97), page 1, line 33 - page 3, line 4; page 5, line 16 - line 26, claims 1-2 --	1-12
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